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History can only be seen in retrospect.

This report is a chronicle of events and accomplishments, which have, this year, passed through the arch of history.

The foundation, or bearing stone on one side of this arch, which carries its weight, is the work of the Membership Committee, whose addition

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Out Here in California

BY ROY H. JENKINS

Mockin' birds a singin' nigh,
Eagles screamin' 'way up high,
Swallows streakin' cross the sky
Out here in California.

Flowers bloomin' in the hills,
Sunbeams dancin' in the rills,
Nature's just chock full o' thrills
Out here in California.

Sun's a comin' for the day,
Moon rides out at night to stay,
Mountains kneel as if to pray
Out here in California.

Palms a wavin' in the breeze,
Eucalyptus, redwood trees,
Stars a singin' melodies
Out here in California.

Sittin' in my easy chair,
Silver threadin' through my hair,
Gettin' on, but I don't care
Out here in California.

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History Section Holds Committee Meeting At Rubottom Home

By TIM R. HOFF

Mrs. Ethel Rubottom invited her fellow officials of the California History section to meet with her in her home on Cortez road, Santa Anita Village, last Thursday at 2:30 p. m. and with them discussed opening activities for the season which would complement and assist in the smooth running of the Women's club and its ramifications under Mrs. Wood Glover's management. It was decided to continue meeting at 1:30 p. m. of each fourth Wednesday; to continue the afternoon teas as a finale, which follows the old pioneer hospitality; on September 30th the section will visit the San Gabriel Mission instead of going to the ld Rancho near San Dimas to have tea with the Edwin Fullers, who are engaged in reclaiming and making it livable as a home. The work presents problems which need more time to solve, so the visit there will be postponed, and a call made at the Mission. Those needing transportation may call Mrs. Rubottom, ATwater 7-2586. Those driving should also contact her for mutual benefit. A charge of 25 cents is expected at the Mission and those being made room for in the autos will each pay the driver a small sum. Hildegarde Hawthorne's book, "Romantic Cities of California" will be on call at the Library for those who are to present papers before the section. Early settlers, pioneer endeavors, the Mission and other points of the state's history.

The ranchos have been given their just due of attention during the past eight years of study. This coming club year much will be learned about the cities and their romances. Proper pronunciation of the old Spanish and Mexican names will also be continued and the press clippings. Mrs. Rubottom served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting and all felt the better for the social, informative afternoon. Those enjoying it with the hostess were Mrs. Edna Dettra and Mrs. Thomas Connor, vice chairmen; Mrs. Wm. K. Pease, secretary; Mrs. C. F. Ganther, treasurer, and Mrs. E. Timerhoff, founder. Sisters of the hostess joined the group during refreshments.

John Steven McGroarty At District Session History Section

By TIM R. HOFF

Accompanying Mrs. B. E. Rubottom, chairman, on Monday, the 8th, to hear the man of many titles honestly earned, Mr. John McGroarty, at Federation headquarters, 21st and Hobart, Los Angeles, were Mesdames C. Thomas. D. Gibson and E. Timerhoff all finding it a well worthwhile effort for the sake of the friend who was to speak as well as for the history involved. Of the over 100 clubs of the district, the California History sections of each had provided a good audience despite the rain.

Mr. McGroarty brought all into a fellowship of love as against the fellowship of hate which is just now sweeping the country; love of country, love of work cooperatively for the good of all; love of missionary success, such as predicated the rich inheritance of California for us. He called attention to the scholarly men who left homes and attainments to come and live here, working with and for savages to "prepare a place for us;" adding "there is still work to be done, for we evidently have not come far from the horrors of 3,000 years ago as revealed by old histories." That, the only reference to our war; from there on he showed the advantage of love over destructive measures in gaining civilized peace, freedom and progress. By love the Indians were taught 54 European trades to aid in their advance; he spoke of R. L. Stevenson and other writers who have been great aids to all humans, reminding that the human knows nothing of himself productively except the ability to produce tears, to weep. He, and she, need teachers from birth for every other move made. So we need not look down at the Indian. Mr. Mc Groarty told a good story of Lincoln and thanked the women who are carrying on the study of California's History for the most part, because the men have so much else to do.

Among the testimonies given was that of the elder Arcadian, who remembered the many occasions through the years, of listening to the teachings of McGroarty, always as today, his Soul shining through the words and his eyes as his messages were given; in fact his Soul shines through his printed words because of his earnest good will.

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Ladies Attend History Section Conference Los Ageles District

Tim R. Hoff

Whether the weather smiles, frowns or weeps, a devoted chairman attends her conferences; this last Monday, November 9, being a sunny California summer day, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom took the P. E. and at 10:00 a. m., was in her place at headquarters (C. F. W. C.) in Los Angeles with Mrs. Mark White acting chairman, who at the end of business, presented Dr. Owen C. Coy as speaker. Those who have heard Dr. Coy know that he is one of the finest historians of our state and that he is Director of the State Association of California History. His knowledge of the subject is authentic and he closed with urgent advice to such clubs and sections, to gather data and keep records during the War period as well as in other years, that the state itself may use and profit by them. Preparing for Arcadia Section members to attend the Christmas celebration of December 15th, in La Golondrina Cafe, Los Angeles, with Senora Bonza, hostess, Mrs. Rubottom made fifteen reservations for the luncheon and entertainment. More may be obtained if contact is made with Mrs. Rubottom at once calling ATwater 7-2586. John Steven McGroarty, poet laureate and distinguished historian of California, will be the guest of honor at the first luncheon, Dec. 15, the date which has been chosen by the Arcadia Historian section. The second date for the Christmas duncheon, Dec. 17, the guest of honor will be Mrs. C. H. Oneal, president of the Los Angeles District.

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HISTORY SECTION NOV. 25

Students and guests of the History section will be presented with a history of Pasadena on November 25 in the solarium of the clubhouse, the second in a series of talks on "The Romantic Cities of California." Mrs. Bertha Nichols will be the able chairman of the subject, having lived in this the "Crown City." Mrs. Catherine Thomas will serve as hospitality chairman, aided by a committee, Mrs. Ethel Rubottom presiding.

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"I am not so much interested in a great growth of population in Los Angeles County, but in a high standard of citizenship, the kind of citizenship that has developed the county into one of the greatest in the world," declared Marshall Stimson, veteran attorney, principal speaker on the program.

Stimson summed up the history of the county, following short addresses made by five other speakers, one from each Supervisorial district. The five speakers were Homer L. Duffy of Pomona, First District; Attorney Herbert R. Dockweiler, Second; Dr. Edwin O. Palmer, Third; Leo Carrillo, Fourth; Charles Gibbs Adams, Fifth.

Pioneer Chairman

Besides being the speaker for the Second District, Dockweiler, who within a stone's throw of where the festivities were being held, was also chairman of the day, with Attorney Byron C. Hanna as master of ceremonies and Sheriff Eugene Biscailluz was marshal of the day.

The speeches were interspersed with Spanish and Mexican music, singing and dances by entertainers from Olvera Street. A fourth of pageantry in the celebration when the program was opened by the entrance of an old rocker stage drawn by four horses driven by Jack McIrvin carrying the speakers of the day into the grounds.

Tournament of Roses, as shown by pictures displayed while Mrs. Nichols talked before the California History section, last Wednesday, the 25th. Founded in 1873 and named for the Chippewas by the Indianapolis and California Company of Indiana, who afterwards transferred it to the San Gabriel Orange Grove Association, its history goes back to 1843 as a Rancho belonging to Don Manuel. Its expansion and perfection embraces various organizations such as the Civic League, nationally known Library, buildings of marvelous architecture, Community Playhouse, and many recorded assets. Nature and Man are a splendid combination, and if the ingredient known as millionaires' gold be added generously, the sky only is the limit.

Oak Knoll, Busch Gardens with their quaint gnomes and nursery tales characters, the Huntington home with its secret panels—later the Museum—Don Benito Wilson giving ground for the first school, and being namesake for the Mountain; the Institute of Technology; the Gideon home, Colorado and Holliston avenues; the Mountain View Cemetery; Mt. Lowe—named for Professor Lowe; Parker Lyon—now ours—1907 panic; the Old Mill water power of 1810 with its underground passage between Mission and Mill; the Deodar trees from the mountains of India; John Jose Perez; the ancient white rose; the wild bears that once killed the cattle of pioneer Pasadenans: "all this and more" were made to smile and live through Mrs. Nichols' talk, for section members. In 1906 the Tournament of Roses made its bow and received waves of acclamation, and a wonderful equestrian who rode forth in it, caprisioned most becomingly, was M. S. Pashgian, Mrs. Nichols' husband, as a picture attests. Also there was a pictures of the Pashgian home, an ornamentally pictures-

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Hostesses, Mmes. Thomas, Kennett and Rogers served "chocolate, tea and cookies during the social hour to Mmes. R. E. Rubottom, E. Dettra, C. Ganther, C. Crellin, Eva Falconer, B. Nichols, J. Renshaw, E. Timerhoff and Mrs. R. Evans. It was decided to meet hereafter in the home in true early California style, and next meeting will be the 4th Wednesday in January with Mrs. Dettra; the December session being December 15 with the District in La Golondrina Cafe, Olvera street, Los Angeles, John Steven McGroarty being the guest speaker.

Prices Hit Ceiling in Gold Rush Days

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Sugar was $22 a pound, a pair of socks $3 and a watermelon $4. Chewing tobacco was $1.50 a plug, beans $2 a quart; dried apples $3 a bucket. Crackers were $1.50 a pound and it cost another $1.50 for salt.

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Old Papers Read at History Section

Mrs. G. O. Messenger entertained members and guests of the History and Landmarks section of the Women's Club on March 29th. Three papers that had been written several years ago were read by Miss Grace McCandless and Miss Bonshaw and Gammon. They brought back the old days when the club was young, and proved so interesting now as then.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour. Those enjoying the meeting were Mmes. Bonshaw, of Glendale, guest; Mmes. Gammon, Messenger, Crellin, Rubottom, Dettra, Ganther, Thomas, Hoff, Rogers, Gardner, Timerhoff, Ovens, Falconer, Renshaw, Nichols, Evans, Brown, Wilson, Kennett, Hoffman, Hoffman, Hoffman

Festival Marks Birth of County 94 Years Ago

A chill of winter was in the air but it did not mar the two-hour celebration of Los Angeles County's 94th birthday anniversary held yesterday in the little park north of the Hall of Records. Fully 1000 persons attended.

It was the first festival of its kind held during the 94 years of the county's history and will, in all probability, be celebrated annually on some date set as "Founding Day" for Los Angeles County, which was established on Feb. 18, 1850, eight months before California was admitted as a State to the Union.

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"Romantic Pasadena"

By T. R. Hoff

Especially fitted for information on the "Crown City of the Valley," is Mrs. Bertha Nichols, by reason of having "grown up with it" in a measure, and because of her experience and reaction to its appeal. Arriving in Pasadena in 1904, with her first husband, M. S. Pashgion, who became a spectacular figure in the business and progressive life of the city, and who was always a highlight of the Tournament of Roses, as shown by pictures displayed while Mrs. Nichols talked before the California History section, last Wednesday, the 25th. Founded in 1873 and named for the Chippewas by the Indianapolis and California Company of Indiana, who afterwards transferred it to the San Gabriel Orange Grove Association, its history goes back to 1843 as a Rancho belonging to Don Manuel. Its expansion and perfec tion embraces various organizations such as the Civic League, nationally known Library, buildings of marvelous architecture; Community Playhouse, and many recorded assets Nature and Man are a splendid combination, and if the ingredient known as millionaires' gold be added generously, the sky only is the limit.

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CHRISTMAS TWICE IN OLVERA STREET

By TIM R. HOFF

With Christmas "just around the corner" with its manifold offerings of pleasure, it is well for the History-minded to remember to make reservations with Mrs. B. E. Rubottom—ATwater 7-2586—for December 15th, the first date—there are always two—at which to appear in Olvera Street at the LaGolondrina Cafe for the noon luncheon where decorations and luscious menu with gayly dressed waitresses, etc., follow the Mexican - Spanish motif throughout; where the delightful Senora Bonza is hostess supreme, and presents the program of artists—Spanish-Mexican—who do honor to the Long Ago in music, in dancing, in song, as only descendents of those emotional countries can. A day to remember each year is this, the Olvera Street celebration of Christmas. The chairman of the History Section, Mrs. Rubottom, will take these reservations—many have already come in—and list the obtainable autos for the trip, then get the tickets at the month's Conference of the District historians on Monday, November 9th, making every one who can go happily sure of pleasure to come. Remember, there is a limit as to numbers.

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SEASHORE PROSPECTORS—Typical of the groups now thronging Redondo's north beach in quest of unusual sea stones thrown up by tidal action is this quartet. Left to right are Sammy Wallis, 5; Luther Riley, Valerie Diane Wilson, 3, and Raymond Hughes, 10.

Times photo

Hundreds Seek Beach Stones

REDONDO BEACH, Jan. 11.—Attributed to apparently changed ocean currents off the bay shore here, vast hordes of beach stones left adrift on the North Beach have become the magnet for collectors and curious alike.

The phenomenal display, includes not only the rare moonstones in the much-sought-after bright shades, but masses of large rocks—some as big as a man's head. These are believed to have been swept ashore by alternating tidal action through some deep channel.

Among the collectors' items, of which large-scale finds have been reported, are jade, jasper, agates, flower stones, picture rocks and saganite.

Until this season the stones have been prevalent only in relatively small quantities except for short periods following ocean storms.

Hundreds of visitors are lining the beach here daily in search for unusual rock formations and stones.

FAMED DIAMOND SUCCESSFULLY CUT INTO THREE PIECES

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (U.P.) In a tense atmosphere because the slightest slip might mean a loss of more than $100,000, the famous Libertador diamond was cut successfully today.

The $200,000 jewel, largest ever found in Venezuela, flew into three pieces under the deft hammer blow of Adrian Grasselly, one of the best diamond cutters in the business, who had worked months grooving the stone for the single operation.

Experts said the 115-carat jewel would have been reduced in value by 50 to 80 per cent had it broken into more than three parts.

GOLD DUST ON BLOCK IN RINDGE ESTATE SALE

Rare old documents of California history, gold and silver coins of early days and two bottles of California gold dust were sold at an auction sale yesterday in the bankruptcy court of Hugh L. Dickson, in another move to clear up the estate of the late May K. Rindge.

J. L. Cooper, a retired building contractor, bought the one-third interest of Mrs. Rindge in rare papers and documents, and after his purchase announced that the collection would be donated to the Los Angeles County Museum, provided the other heirs are agreeable. For his purchase of a collection of rare old coins and papers Cooper paid $225.

Sale of Gold Dust

Two bottles containing approximately 30 ounces of gold dust, believed mined in early California days, were sold to Smelters & Refining Limited, bonded gold dealers, for $800.

Among the various documents included in the sale are resolutions of appreciation and a medal awarded to John A. Sutter, discoverer of gold in California, in 1846; a silver cup given to Sutter for his aid to needy immigrants; letters from Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman to Sutter; a commission as a major general in the California State Militia, dated Sept. 1, 1855; a copy of Sutter's oath to support the Constitution, and other documents.

Coins Now on Display

Included in the coin collection are a $10 gold piece minted in 1801, and 5806 other rare gold and silver coins which are now on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

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CALIFORNIA HISTORY SECTION

By TIM R. HOFF

The New Year, toward which we have been looking and working, has become an actuality, and already we are looking back, even as we go forward.

How soon the anticipated fades into the background of our own thoughts. 1942 was a good year to the students of our California History; 1943 holds much of promise. New efforts, new hopes, new progress; new knowledge of the past builders of the foundation of this great state, lies ready for those who seek; in the newspapers, magazines, radio, and in the monthly sessions of this section, California History.

Mrs. Marcia Crellin and Mrs. Bertha Nichols have given us so much to remember of the Butterfield Stage. Mrs. B. E. Rubottom has led us to the Annual Christmas celebration in the old. old street of Olvera, where Mexican and Spanish have blended colorfully to entertain section of the Los Angeles District, in which we have a fine part. By past months of study we are equipped to gain from further study. On January 27th the first session of this new year will be held at the hospitable home of Mrs. Earl Dettra, 2431 South Second avenue, at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Rubottom presiding, and it is not too soon to begin gathering clippings of "Current Events With Historical Significance," ever most interesting. They are to be easily found in the newspapers of this and other locales. Read, remembered, and the highlights given briefly while answering Mrs. C. Ganther's roll call by each member, give stimulation and interest.

Then there is scheduled a talk or paper for each session by one member, on one of the "Romantic Cities" of this romantic state. San Francisco, that gay, progressive, will occupy that part of the session, given by one of the "Old Timers." Big as the subject is, it too can be briefened. As a finale three hostesses will serve hospitality in the old California style. This meeting will mark the section's return to sessions in the homes of members, which is also Californian. Details will follow in later issues.

Mrs. Earl Dettra Enterains California History Section Of Womans Club

TIM R. HOFF

The month's session of California History, convening at the home of Mrs. Earl Dettra on last Wednesday afternoon proved to be full of meat—not the sort however that incurrs rationing—but food for the minds of those gathered, inclusive of the officers, Mrs. B. Rubottom, presiding; Mrs. Dettra vice; Mrs. C. Ganther, secretary. Mrs. Thomas Conner, second vice, was absent because of illness. Others present were Mrs. Fred Gamroth, Mrs. Chas. Crellin, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. G. Harbaugh, Mrs. Chas. Hoover, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. John Renshaw, Mrs. Florence Mudder, Mrs. G. Thomas, Mrs. E. Gardiner Mrs. E. Timerhoff and Miss Florence Reynolds.

Roll call answered with clippings of historic significance brought to light the fact that Arcadia also could boast interesting publicity, in that our City Attorney James C. Bone had, on behalf of the Lions Club, presented a Station wagon to the Red Cross and provided Parking space to such an extent that the Los Angeles Times found it "good copy;" that Don Juan Bautista de Anza had a Mountain Pass named for him in the San Jacinto, also a boulder dedicated to his accomplishments in Carthay Circle; that Benjamin Franklin's 237th birthday occurred January 17th; that Bishop Wm. Taylor found rents so soaring in San Francisco that he cut lumber and built a house for himself; Lucky Baldwin outdid him by building a hotel to live in and extort high rents from others. All this in the Auld Tyme days and more.

Mrs. E. Timerhoff gave highlights of the early settling of San Francisco, one of the most Romantic cities in California as found in H, Hawthorn's history and also as gleaned in personal visits to that spectacular locale in 1905 and since. Visits to relatives, to conventions—club federation—etc. Names of Huntington, Crocker, Stanford, Hopkins, were "building names," that of Joe Jefferson, Lotta Crabtree, Edwin Booth, Tetrazinni, etc., names of entertainers; all part and parcel of the establishing of San Francisco as the "Greatest City in the World." As to writers, R. L. Stevenson, Mark Twain, great subject of which only the briefest mention could be made, but the idea is that once stimulated to interest in these locales and their history each member will feel the urge to go farther and "know her California."

Mrs. Dettra assisted by Mrs. Ganther served cake and coffee during the social hour, and Mrs. Rubottom led in a discussion of program for the club in April.

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Pioneer Days In Weaverville Told At History Section

An "open house" welcome greeted 15 members of the California History and Landmarks section of the Woman's Club and their chairman, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom, on February 24 at the home of Mrs. John Renshaw with Mrs. Bertha Nichols as co-hostess. A cheery wood fire added to the welcome.

Mrs. Dorothea Gamroth, using a "Summary of Trinity County History," gave zest to the afternoon's information anent Weaverville, one of the romantic cities of California and its varied history, opening to the mind trails and roads leading into this locale of old days' mining, of menaces of rattlesnake bedfellows, of rough and ready living for all comers. She told of her adventures as a young girl, arriving to be with her brother through all sorts of hairpin curves, when she would lose sight of the lead horses in maneuvering a turn in the road, as in the high driver's seat on the stage, she hung on and came through victoriously.

Weaverville began building in 1850, on the site where the Union Hotel now stands, according to Mrs. Gamroth. Many of the first comers were from the east and the Mississippi Valley, also there were Chinese and Indians, both friendly and menacing. One of the oldest newspapers was the Weekly Trinity Journal, first published January 26, 1856, and it is claimed this paper has never missed an edition. Easily visible from Weaverville is Mt. Shasta, as are several other peaks and many beautiful lakes.

Mrs. Gamroth was a citizen of this area for several years and delighted her audience with vivid delineation of "them thar hills." Current events and roll call added further interest to the meeting.

Plans for the club program in April were discussed and the hostesses served delicious refreshments. Those present, besides the chairman, Mrs. Rubottom, were: Mesdames E. Dettra, C. Ganther, E. Rogers, D. Gamroth, A. Moss, G. Harbaugh, C. Thomas, G. McCurdy, C. Crellin, Bertha Nichols, Lillian Ross, E. Timerhoff, and the Misses Ruth Evans and Grace McCurdy.

Leaning Giant of Sequoia Finally Crashes to Earth

'Puzzle Corner' Monarch, 3000 Years Old, Gives Up Struggle After Torrential Rain

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Feb. 11.—Fallen is the mighty.

The Puzzle Corner Leaning Sequoia at Giant Forest, Sequoia National Park, has crashed to the earth from which as a tiny green seedling it burst forth some 3000 years or more ago.

Thousands of visitors to the Giant Forest Big Trees will remember the great, gaunt, partly blackened giant which stood in the angle where the roads to Sunset Rock, to the Generals Highway near Pinewood and to Firwood and Highland meet. And hundreds of them have asked park rangers, "Isn't that tree dangerous?" or "When will that tree fall?"

SAME ANSWER

And the answer always was: "It may fall any winter or it may last 1000 years."

How long the tree had been leaning at a measured angle of 10 degrees from the vertical no one knows. Practically all the foliage and half the trunk were supported past the center of gravity, without noticeable change within the memory of the oldest visitors.

WEATHER RAVAGES

But the great rains of Jan. 21 and 22 falling on Giant Forest at a time when snow is customary, soaked deep into the root system of the grand old Sequoia and loosened the friable soil. Then came sleet and ice which added another heavy load on the spreading crown with its typical large and ponderous limbs. And, as a final and fatal test to the marvelous endurance of an aged Sequoia, came a wind squall which laid low hundreds of pines and firs on the Giant Forest plateau, and with them old Puzzle Corners.

Even in death he will continue to be a major attraction in Giant Forest.

Mayor Here Quits to Permit Hanging; Wait a Minute! That Was in 1850

No blaring radios . . .

No square-wheeled streetcars . . .

No ration coupons . . .

That was Los Angeles County in the good old days—94 years ago yesterday, when it was organized.

City lots in the downtown area, so history records, were selling for $20 each, with few takers.

The first brick was baked in a local kiln.

A system of piping water to houses in Los Angeles city was up for consideration.

The Mayor of Los Angeles resigned to make possible the hanging of a criminal by the citizens.

Beehives soon were to be introduced, and a whole carload of oranges was produced when the county was only 6 years old.

At the age of 10 the burgeoning community was paying its keeper of the water ditches a higher salary than the Mayor.

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Father Serra's Exhumation and Reburial Completed

Exhumation and reburial of Father Junipero Serra, founder of the California Missions, have been completed at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo in Carmel, it was disclosed here yesterday by Rev. Maynard Geiger, curator of the Santa Barbara Mission.

The cause of Father Serra's canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church is now being advanced by the Franciscan Fathers in California. The missionary's body was exhumed from the sanctuary of the mission at Carmel in order to make necessary alterations in the church, and the remains reinterred in the sanctuary on the gospel side, Father Geiger said.

Rev. Eric O'Brien of Santa Barbara is vice-postulator of the cause for Serra's canonization. At present, it was announced, documents written by Father Serra in Spain, Mexico and the United States are being collected.

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California History Section Meets At Renshaw Home

By TIM R. HOFF

One-thirty p. m. on last Wednesday found Mrs. Rubottom presiding over the month's session of California History section, at the home of Mrs. John Renshaw, members present being Mesdames Edna Dettra, Caroline Ganther, Sarah Harbaugh, Dorothy Gamroth, Catherine Thomas, Marcia Crellin, Alice Moss, Lillian Ross, Bertha Nichols, Emma Rogers, J. Renshaw, E. Timerhoff and the Misses Ruth Evans and Grace McCurdy.

Mrs. Dorothea Gamroth gave the romantic city of Weaverville, in a most interesting manner from her own experiences, when she joined her brother at the gold mines and lived for a time in earlier days, going back to the "Annals of Trinity County," written by Isaac Cox in 1858, and included a tale of Major P. B. Reading, noted trapper of those times, whose 26633 acres of land in Shasta County was the setting of the towns of Reading and Anderson. He was from Sutter's Fort, trapping northern California and Oregon. Her depiction of the placer mining with rocker and pan and short sluice flume, was interesting with light on her wild ride into the locale when she joined her brother, and the welcome she received from those hard-bitten, hard-working adventurers. Many Chinese figured in those days.

The Indians were cruel and expeditions were made finally to run them out but these culminated in the "Bridge Gulch Massacre" which occurred in 1852, at the natural bridge on Haylork creek, where over a hundred Indians were slain. All this being history, it is interesting to know that buildings constructed there in the long ago, were similar to those of reinforced concrete used now. Weaverville buildings were constructed between 1855 and 1860 and all shutters were of iron.

Mrs. Gamroth possessing a mine herself longs to return and dig for gold. Plans indicated that the program by the section to be given in April will be interesting and worthwhile. The March meeting will be with Miss Evans in her home, 1012 Balboa Drive.

Mrs. Renshaw and Mrs. Bertha Nichols as cohostesses, served dainty refreshments before the wood fire flames as a finale. Among the clippings were those by Mesdames Crellin and Harbaugh of special interest about San Jose. A Valentine of the old school, Mrs. Rubottom has many cares, but she goes right along being a 100% chairman.

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California History Section Meets In The Morning

By Tim R. Hoff

Meeting on a new schedule, the chairman and nine members of the California History Section of the Womans Club met at the clubhouse on last Wednesday with Mrs. B. E. Rubottom presiding. Many are engaged in Red Cross and war work, but those present were Mesdames D. Gamroth, M. Crellin, B. Nichols, L. Ross, C. Ganther, M. Hoover, G. Connor, E. Timerhoff and Miss Ruth Evans. Disposing of the regular routine, plans were consummated or the club program to be given on the twenty-first of April at 11:30 a. m., with Mrs. Wood Glover, presiding. Luncheon will consist of sandwiches and coffee, the sandwiches being brought from home by each member. Judge LeRoy Anderson will be guest speaker.

Decorations by the section will follow the Spanish motiff and the program will include a poetic California Phantasy and a demonstration of History tactics, Mrs. Rubottom presiding.

Roll Call will be in the hands of Mrs. Caroline Ganther; special subjects will be covered by Mesdames Marcia Crellin, Dor- and E. Timerhoff. Music features will be arranged by Mrs. Lola Trew, assisted by Mesdames Louise Bon Eske, Leliah Beynon and Mary Young.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses Mrs. Rubottom and Miss Ruth Evans.

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Thusday, April 1, 1943

History Section To Present 'Calif. Fantasy'

Plans for the annual program to be presented before the Woman's Club were discussed at the last meeting of the California History and Landmarks section held in the club building with Mrs. B. E. Rubottom presiding.

The History and Landmarks program which is to be given on April 21, will feature a "California Fantasy," written by one of the members. There will also be a demonstration of California history students at work. The musical part of the program will be under the direction of Mrs. Lola Trew, assisted by Mmes. Louise Beynon, Louise Bon Eske, and Mary Young.

Inaugurating a new custom, luncheon will consist of sandwiches and coffee, the sandwiches being brought from home by the members. Judge LeRoy Anderson will be the luncheon speaker.

Those present at the History Section meeting were Mmes. B. E. Rubottom, Marcia Crellen, Caroline Ganther, Mable Hoover, Gertrude Connor, Bertha Nichols, Lillian Ross, E. Timerhoff, and Miss Ruth Evans.

Mrs. Rubottom and her co-hostess, Miss Evans, served refreshments of cake and coffee.

Orpha Klinker

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The Indians became the laborers around the missions and took care of the vineyards, the vast herds of horses, cattle and sheep, which were owned by the missions. Their rude huts were clustered about the enclosures of the missions, and they were looked upon as part of these great institutions.

Among the tragic stories connected with the Mission San Gabriel is that which relates the story of the soldiers who were stationed at the Presidio in Los Angeles. It was in 1771, when some of the brutal Spanish soldiers went out to the mission to find themselves some women. It happened that a young Indian woman, the wife of the chief, was out gathering herbs and upon seeing the soldiers tried to run back to the mission. The soldiers rode up and lassoed the screaming woman. This brought out her husband, who endeavored to recover his wife from the soldiers. In the fight which followed the chief was killed and his head was cut off and put on a pole as a warning to the Indians that white soldiers would have whom they desired.

This tragic happening brought stricter attention of the Spanish government to the discipline of the army, and severe punishments were meted out to soldiers who dared to wrong the neophytes around the mission.

California History Section Meets At Rubottom Home

By Tim R. Hoff

A friendly, even gay spirit, characterized the month's meeting of the California History Section at the Cortez Road home of the chairman, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom, last Wednesday, May 26th. Those attending were Mmes. Dettra, Gertrude Conner, Caroline Ganther, Emma Rogers, Dorothy Gamroth, Janet Crane, Catherine Thomas, Lillian Ross, Florence Reynolds, Bertha Nichols, E. Timerhoff, Marcia Crellin, and Miss Ruth Evans, Mrs. Rubottom presiding.

Several clippings were interestingly read; the election returned the entire staff of officers to service; Mmes. Rubottom, as chairman; Ethel Dettra, first vice; Gertrude Conner, second vice; Caroline Ganther, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to study the gems of California during next year's sessions, the Desert Magazine having stimulated interest in them.

A pot-luck supper, honoring the husbands was planned for the fourth Wednesday in June, (the 23rd) and Mrs. Dettra's invitation to hold it in her grounds was accepted.

The suggestion that the group send a renewal check of $2.00 to Director O. C. Coy of the State Historical Association, was voted affirmatively, and a check of $8 to the Nurses' Fund.

A report of the year's progress was read by the Founder, Mrs. E. Timmerhoff. Delicious cake, chocolate and coffee were served by the hostess and her sister, Miss Florence Reynolds. All paid a call to Miss Eva Reynolds who is still an invalid favorite. It was decided to accompany Mrs. Rubottom to "Surgical Dressings" and work Monday (today).

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California History Section Honors Husband

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Following an old custom, the members of the California History Section under leadership of Mrs. B. E. Rubottom, honored their husbands with a potluck picnic supper by the light of the setting sun, in the delightful patio of the Earl Dettras on the evening of the 23rd. Each dish was a demonstration of culinary skill, the meal ending with ice cream and cake—home grown—and further supplemented by a large and beautiful "birthday cake" in honor of the anniversary of Thomas Connor; it was brought on at the right moment, with the group singing of "Happy Birthday," and immediately cut and distributed by the honoree in generous style.

By good dark, Roy Pike was established with his movie machine, on the large porch-rumba room with the group seated comfortably about him, for the lecture and pictures of Alaska, which he so kindly and efficiently donated for further entertainment. This took the party up the "Inner Passage" from Seattle through an unsurpassingly interesting journey, with stops at Ketchikan, Juneau, Wrangel, Skagway, and on across the Gulf of Alaska, into the Yukon and Klondike Rivers, with more stops, and changes to train service; the crossing of the international line; historic Dawson, Robert Service country; the Rex Beach shack; the gold and silver cache where dredges, hydraulic and others were busy in 1937—when the Pikes were en tour— up the rapids where cable service had to be added, to gain an inch, where the Midnight Sun turned everything to glory; where Lake Tagish had its inning, and the Trail of 1898 claimed attention; also the Colony of Matnauska where the buildings are large and strong-looking. The route back to Seattle led through Sitka, with its fine Presbyterian and Episcopalian schools; its St. Michaels Cathedral—built in 1817 by the Russians, and filled with valuable paintings and altar service. Once the Russian Capital of Alaska, plated gold and hammered silver, frames from the paintings; gold candelabra, a gold-bound Bible and a Cross of gold were there in 1930, when the writer toured the locality. What has been changed in the years since can only be imagined, but in 1937 the Pikes must have found it much the same. Those enjoying the affair together included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dettra and daughter, Miss Ruth; Mrs. B. E. Rubottom and Miss Florence Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoover and Bob; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ganther, Mrs. Bertha Nichols, Mrs. Eva Falconer, E. M. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John Ross, Mr. and Mrs. E. Connor, C. Thomas, M. Crellin, J. Renshaw, A. Scott, F. McCurdy, and the Misses Ruth Evans and Grace McCurdy, with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pike as special guests.

SWALLOWS RETURN TO CAPISTRANO

CAPISTRANO, March 19. Traditional annual return of the swallows to San Juan Capistrano Mission on St. Joseph's Day was maintained today by the arrival of a small contingent of scouts.

Repeating a maneuver observed each year, the scout swallows hovered about the adobe nests remaining from last year's occupancy and indicated they were awaiting arrival of the main body. The birds were first sighted at 6:40 a.m.

Close observers state that frequently the birds arrive after sunset or during the night.

Despite travel restrictions, a large number of visitors arrived here early today. It is thought that recent severe storms may have delayed arrival of the birds in force.

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The California history and landmarks section of the Women's Club will hold their first meeting of the new season at the home of Mrs. A. R. Cutter, 1020 El Norte avenue, on Oct. 27 at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Ethel Rubottom, chairman, will preside.

The subject for study will be "Gems of California." Mrs. Cutter will give a talk on this subject and also show her interesting collection of gems. All members are invited to be present. For further information call ATwater 7-2586.

El Norte avenue is one block south of Duarte road between Tenth street and Mayflower.

HISTORY SECTION TO HEAR LECTURE

The California History and Landmark section of the Woman's Club started the new season with a most enjoyable meeting on Oct. 27, at the home of Mrs. A. R. Cutter on El Norte avenue.

Mrs. Cutter gave an instructive and most interesting talk on "Gems of California and Other Western States." Her talk was highlighted by the showing of rare and beautiful gem specimens of many kinds.

In place of the regular meeting for November, the members decided to attend the district conference at the federation headquarters on Nov. 4 at 1 o'clock. A lecture on "The Old Missions of California," accompanied by colored pictures will be given by Hugh Wallace, as the program for the afternoon.

HISTORY SECTION TO HEAR READING

The California History and Landmark section of the Woman's club will meet at the clubhouse Dec. 15, at 1 p. m.

Mrs. John Ross will read an interesting article from the Desert Magazine on "The Precious Opal of Virgin Valley. Miss Grace McCurdy will read a Christmas story, "Sam Sing's Christmas Gift."

Following the program there will be a social hour, with an exchange of small gifts by the members.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Charles Gauther and Mrs. B. E. Rubottom.

Noted Artist Is Presented At Woman's Club

One of the outstanding programs of the Woman's Club took place Wednesday, Jan. 5, with a large number of members and guests present. Among the guests were Mrs. F. T. Broiles, federation district chairman of California History and Landmarks, who gave an interesting talk on the ever-fascinating subject, "The Early Days of California History."

Other guests present were the presidents of the Junior Woman's Club, the Scout Mothers and the Brownies who were presented by Mrs. Phillip A. Libby. Mrs. Emily Timerhoff, founder of the California History section, and Mrs. A. R. Cutter were introduced by Mrs. Ethel Rubottom.

The program at 1 o'clock, was presented by the California History and Landmark section, their guest being the noted artist and lecturer, Miss Orpha Klinker. Her colorful paintings of the old adobes of Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Marino and San Gabriel were very beautiful and greatly enjoyed. The story and portraits of the old pioneers who lived and died in the old adobes were intensely interesting. The club feels indebted to Miss Klinker for this very fine program.

A business meeting followed at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Wood Glover presiding.

HISTORY SECTION

On Dec. 15, in the Women's clubhouse, the California History and Landmarks section of the Woman's Club will gather for a friendly celebration of Christmas, at 1 o'clock. Historical clippings and an exchange of simple gifts will feature the social hour, Mrs. Ethel Rubottom, chairman, will preside.

Guest Speaker Scheduled For Woman's Club

Wednesday, Jan. 5, the Woman's Club will hold the opening meeting of the New Year at the club house, with luncheon scheduled at 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Good Glover, president, will preside.

Since this will be California History and Landmark day at the club, Mrs. F. T. Broiles, district chairman from Los Angeles, will be a special guest and the luncheon speaker. Other guests will be the presidents of the Arcadia Junior Woman's Club, the Scout Mothers and the Brownies.

For their program at 10 o'clock the California History section will present Orpha Klinker, writer and lecturer. Miss Klinker, president of the "Women Painters of the West" for 1941 through 1943, is a member of many famous Art Clubs and of the Historical Society of California. She saw in her art the one means of preserving at once the color ,authenticity and picturesque charm of Old California. She will present a program which she styles "The Romance of Old Adobes, Landmarks and Pioneers of California," and will illustrate her talk with a showing of her original paintings.

Mrs. Ethel Rubottom, chairman for the History section, will preside during this part of the club program.

All members are urged to be present for this very special program. The business meeting will follow the luncheon and programs at 2 o'clock.

READINGS FEATURE SECTION MEETING

The California History and Landmark section met Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the clubhouse for a Christmas party.

During the business session plans were made for decorating the club house for the January meeting, the special day of the section's year.

There was an interesting discussion of California gems, highlighted by a reading by Mrs. Janet Crane. Miss Grace McCurdy read a story of early day California, and an original poem by Mrs. E. E. Timerhoff.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ganther, Mrs. Rubottom and Miss Florence Reynolds.

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HISTORY, LANDMARKS SECTION WILL MEET

Miss Grace McCurdy will be the hostess on Feb. 23 at 1:30 p. m. for members of the California History and Landmarks section of the Woman's Club. Her co-hostess will be Miss Marcia Crellin.

Mrs. John Renshaw is to be the speaker and will talk on gems of California. Refreshments will be served later in the afternoon.

HISTORY SECTION MEETS

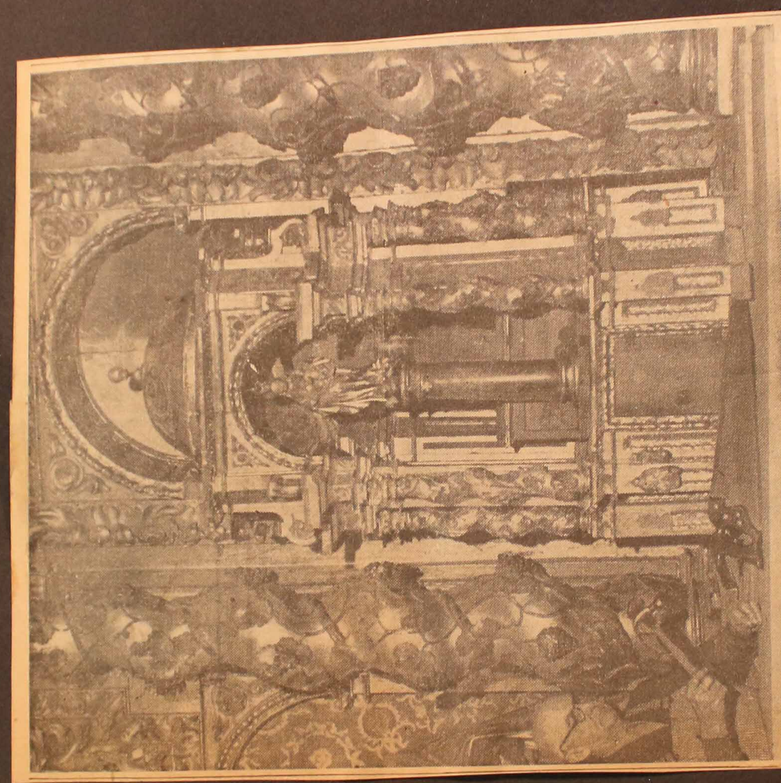
The California History and Landmarks section of Arcadia Women's Club will meet April 26 at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Vanderbur, 44 Floral avenue, reports the section chairman, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom. Members will hear two guest speakers, Mrs. Bertha Fuller of Inglewood and Mrs. Breezus, San Marino, on this occasion.

Mission to Hold Treasure Show

SAN FERNANDO, April 20.—Precious treasures from the Raymond Gould collection, recently purchased for Mission San Fernando by Archbishop John J. Cantwell and a group of citizens, will be viewed by the public for the first time in their new setting in the Chapel Room, at 6 p.m. Sunday, during a meeting of the Friends of San Fernando Mission.

Brought from a little chapel near Burgos, Spain, in 1925 the collection of treasures is composed of carved Spanish altars, statues and figurines. Chief in the display, which is being restored in the Chapel Room by J. A. Tierney, is a magnificent altar, 40x47 feet, which was built in 1608. The center figure is of Nuestra Senora del Pilar. On both sides of the central figure are life-sized carved figures of saints. Ranked by columns upon which the 18 carvings are still remarkably distinct. An organ more than 300 years old and other art pieces were part of the six van loads of the collection which has been brought to the mission.

Dr. Maud W. Yunker, president of the Friends of San Fernando Mission, will conduct the business session and music will be provided by Los Charros del Rancho Grande, a Mexican ensemble. Speaker will be Father Charles Burns, O.M.I., who will relate the history of the Gould collection.



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FINISHING TOUCHES—J. A. Tierney winds up weeks of patient work restoring hand-carved altar at San Fernando Mission, where public will view treasures, brought from Spain, next Sunday for the first time. The altar was built in 1608.

History Section Roll Call Brings Rare Clippings

E. M. TIMERHOFF

The Man-of-the-Hour who led early settlers from Sonora, Mexico, to the site of what became San Francisco, in 1776, was Don Juan Bautista de Anza, friend and fellow-planner of Frey Junipero Serra. He was sure that a better route lay between the two locales, than that of water; acting on this idea he went north to the junction of the Colorado and Gila rivers, thus he avoided the dangerous crossing of the Gulf of Lower California, which had been a trial to Junipero Serra when he came to found the Mission at San Diego.

This and more was learned at the session of the California History section at the Earl Dettra home on S. Second, January 24, Mrs. B. E. Rubottom presiding. Roll call found full sheaves of clippings being presented: a new ship being named for a past Governor of California, 1837, "The S. S. Carlos Carrillo, christened by Mrs. Leo Carrillo—the seventh this month and the 123rd put into water by Calship; another Liberty ship at the California Shipbuilding Corp., named the S. S. Pio Pico, grandson Porfirie Morana and family present;Ernest T. Seaton, 83 years young here to gather material for a book on Animals in World War 2, and to present robes to Boys of the Woodcraft Rangers. Much more was learned from Mrs. E. Timerhoff's talk on San Francisco, another "Romantic City of California which is occupying the minds of members this winter. San Francisco is called the Greatest City in the World, and many "Old Timers "helped give her the title, and these came from many nations to do it. Named Yerba Buena which meant good herb ,the city soon outgrew the name and soon blossomed out, by the grace and acumen of Lieut. Washington Bartlett, Military Governor, to be known far and wide as San Francisco of the Bay and of The Golden Gate. Simultaneously came into being the Presidio, both "naturals." Along with her progress came such names as Huntington, Stanford, Crocker and Hopkins. Also our esteemed E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, who left his mark there before coming to add interest to Southern California. Edwin Booth, Joe Jefferson, Lotta Crabtree, Luisa Tetrazinna, made their donation, also Mark Twain, Bret Hart and others. Not even an earthquake and fire could for long dim the radiance of her progress, and close on the heels of every misfortune, came ccurageous rebuilding and additions of splender; Treasure Island, the great bridges, etc. Mesdames C. Ganther, F. Gamroth, C. Crellin, G. Harbaugh, J. Rogers, C. Hoover, F. Muller, C. Thomas, E. Gardiner, J. Ross, J. Renshaw, E. Timerhoff and Miss Florence Reynolds enjoyed the afternoon with the chairman and hostess Mrs. Earl Dettra, the latter being aided by several with refreshments in old California style. Mrs. Rubottom entertained a motion to send a farewell letter to Mrs. McFarlane who with her husband J. J. MacFarlane is moving to 3423 Winchester avenue, Los Angeles, and it was favorably acted upon.

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Special guests of the group were Mrs. Bertha Fuller of Inglewood and Mrs. Elizabeth Brezus of San Marino. Mrs. Fuller chose as her subject "Famous Women of California," and she envisioned for her listeners the careers of many vital and engaging personalities from early California days to the present.

Mrs. Brezus captured the group's interest with several stories of early days in the golden state. Assisting the hostess in serving refreshments were Mrs. Lola Frew and Mrs. John Vanderbur, Jr. The May meeting of the club section was announced, to be featured by election of officers. Mrs. John Renshaw will receive members at her home, 1038 Baldwin avenue.

Old Papers Read at History Section

Mrs. C. G. Messenger entertained members and guests of the History and Landmarks Section of the Women's Club on March 22nd.

Three papers that had been written several years ago were read by Miss Grace McCurdy and Mmes. Renshaw and Gamroth. They brought back the old days when the club was young, and proved as interesting now as then.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour. Those enjoying the day were Mrs. Herbert Mars of South Pasadena, niece of Mrs. Marcia Crellin, and Mmes. Riess, Vanderbur, Funerhoff, Ross, Ganther, Thomas, McCurdy, Reynolds, Perry, Rogers, Gamroth, Renshaw, Messenger and Rubottom.

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To the Memory of
Miss Eva Reynolds
By her friend,
Emilie Mann Timerhoff,
Section Founder.

History Section Meets to Study Gems of State

Members of the California History Section of the Arcadia Woman's Club gathered at the home of Miss Grace McCurdy Feb. 23, at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. B. Rubottom presided and the club continued its study of "California Gems" . . . the year's theme.

During a business session invitations were given and accepted for March and April hostesses resulting in Mrs. C. G. Messenger of 64 W. Lemon asking members to her home in March and Mrs. J. E. Vanderbur, 44 Floral avenue being named April hostess. At the April session Mrs. Bertha Fuller, past state chairman of the federation will be the speaker.

A brief backward look was given the ten years since the section was added to the Woman's Club aided by several charter members who were present.

Mrs. John Renshaw led the group on "an armchair tour of the 'Gem Country' of the southern part of the state" where tourmalines, kunzite, topaz, beyrl, rubelite, and other valuables are to be found in abundance. This is also the country of great mountains as Palomar, where the giant telescope, Pala Mountain is located.

A stop was made at the Pala Mission, an "Assistencia" whose campanile, bell tower, was modeled after the finest one in Juarez, Mexico. Pala Mission was erected in October 1815, then enlarged in 1818 to accommodate the 1000 Indians who had been converted.

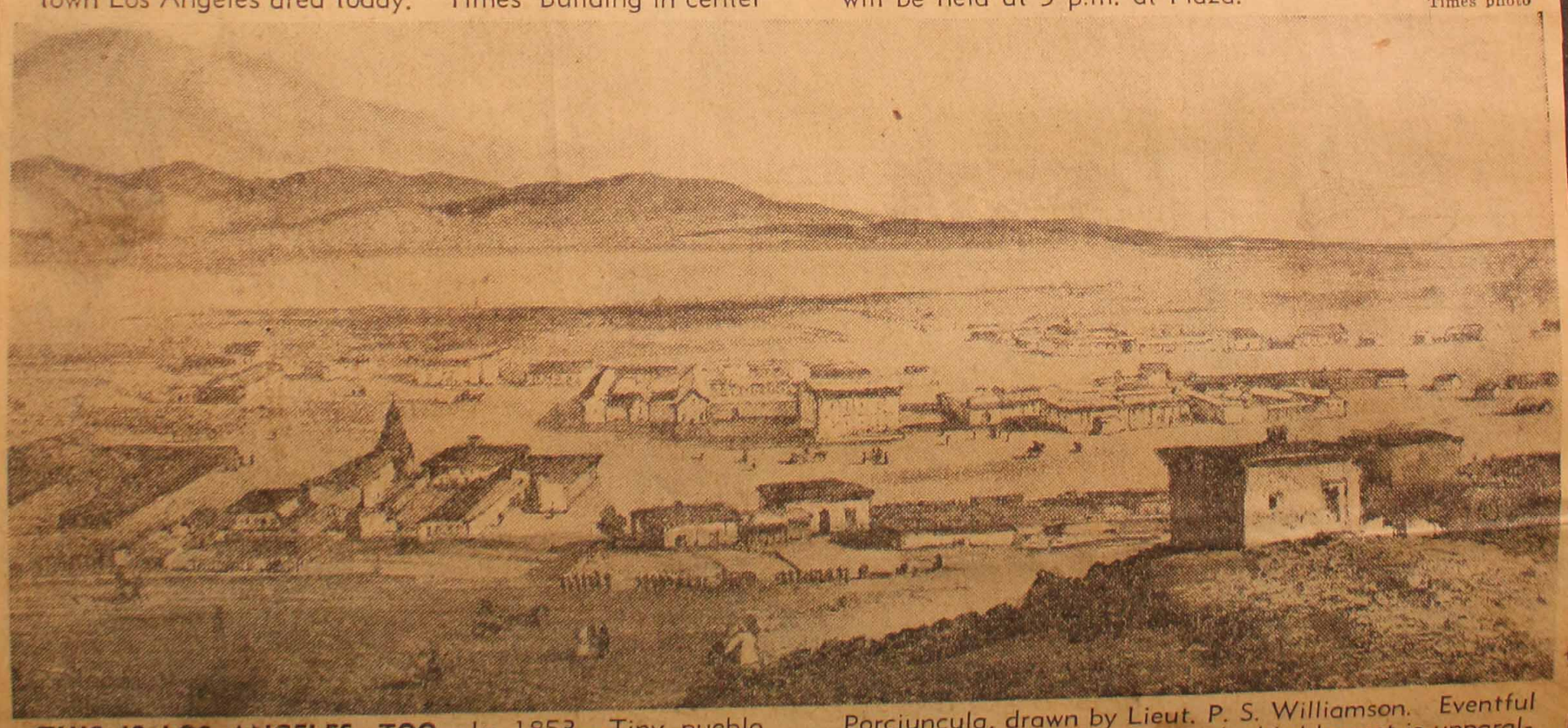
Miss McCurdy, assisted by Mrs. Crellin, served during the social hour at a table bearing dainty china and silver, centered by a bouquet of patriotic flowers born aloft in a carreta to which a bullock was attached, he being squired by a brown bear. Delicious refreshments included some cream puffs par excellence made by the hostess herself and tiny hatchets recalled the George Washington Birthday season.

Conversation during the social hour was centered on the beautifully artistic paintings, wall-hung in the rooms and all done by Miss McCurdy from memories. Noble old Redwoods from the north, Sierra Madre's trees, deep canyons, and especially appealing was a study of the Belle of Portugal rose, which grows beautifully in the McCurdy back lawn.

Present beside the hostesses were Mmes. B. E. Rubottom, C. Ganther, John Ross, M. Millspaugh, J. Vanderbur, M. M. Trew, D. Gamroth, J. Rogers, C. G. Messenger, J. Renshaw, G. H. Thomas, E. Timerhoff, Eva Falconer, and F. Hoagland.

LOS ANGELES---METROPOLIS NOW, VILLAGE THEN

METROPOLITAN AREA TODAY—Above picture, looking southwest from First and Spring Sts., shows downtown Los Angeles area today. 'Times' Building in center foreground. Photo was taken from City Hall tower. Today is Los Angeles' 162nd birthday and ceremonies will be held at 5 p.m. at Plaza. Times photo



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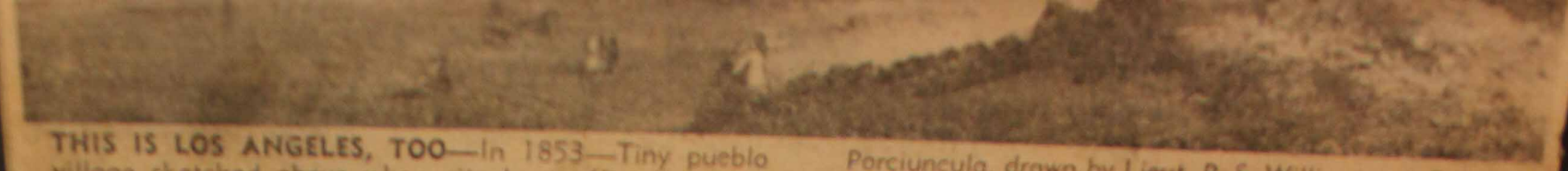

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To its unpromising birth 162 years ago . . .

To its solemn christening as El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Reina de Los Angeles de Porcuincula.

Ceremonies at 5 p.m.

Public ceremonies will mark the anniversary with historic Plaza Church, built of adobe, to be the scene at 5 p.m. today of opening vesper services.

Descendants of the pueblo's first families—the Verdugos, Sepulvedas and Lugos—will march in procession with servicemen from the ancient church to Olvera St., where additional rites will be conducted.

Episodes out of the city's eventful history will be told — incidents depicting the mushrooming of a community of 11 original families to a [illegible]opolis —third largest in the [illegible]tion— of more than 1,500,000 inhabitants.

With the exception of a single decennial, the record shows, the city's population has doubled every 10 years.

During the hectic gold rush days Los Angeles had a reputation as the country's toughest frontier town. In that boisterous period there were 40 legal hangings, and 37 impromptu executions.

The completion in 1876 of the railroad connecting Los Angeles with San Francisco opened the city to new influences, and lawlessness disappeared.

Railroad Rate War

The first real boom came a decade later when a railroad rate war brought round trips from points west of the Missouri down to $15. On one memorable day—and for one day alone—the rate plummeted to $1.

There were still some easterners a bit doubtful, and for them Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, publisher of The Times, wrote: "Los Angeles people do not carry arms. Indians are a curiosity, the gee-string is not a common article of apparel here, and Los Angeles has three good hotels, 27 churches and 350 telephone subscribers."

The fabulous real estate boom attended the '80's, when lots changed hands several times a day. E. L. Doheny soon tapped "black gold." The interurban, electric car system started, and work was begun on the great harbor. Yet, at the turn of the century, the population was only 100,000.

Watershed Tapped

Far-seeing builders, realizing that further expansion was linked with the availability of additional water, tapped the vast stores in the snow-mantled Sierras, building a multi-million dollar 250-mile aqueduct.

Another building boom came in 1923, when the population already had soared to 900,000.

Historians of the future will look back on the newest episode —the prediction by the Regional Planning Commission that by Oct. 1 the city's population will reach 1,753,000.

FIRST CALIFORNIAN

First white man to look upon California was Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Portuguese navigator. He anchored in San Diego bay in 1542.

History Section Of Woman's Club Hold Picnic

Twenty-one members and guests of the California History and Landmark section of the Woman's Club gathered at the historical old Baldwin Rancho for their annual picnic June 28th.

It was a perfect setting for the meeting beneath the beautiful old trees and near the old buildings so rich in early California history. The highlight of the afternoon was a surprise tour through the movie settings built for a new picture being made. Mr. Kingsly proved an excellent guide explaining the different sets in a very entertaining manner.

Later a meeting was held at which it was decided to renew our membership in California State Historical Association for another year.

Mrs. Vanderbur read sections of a book recalling the colorful life of Lucky Baldwin. Plans were made for the writing of the history of the section now ten years old and which was founded by Mrs. Emilie Timerhoff.

A beautiful gift was presented to the retiring chairman Mrs. Ethel G. Rubottom with a clever poem written by "Our Timie" and read by Mrs. Edna Dettra.

Meeting adjourned until next October.

Mrs. John Renshaw will be in charge of the meetings when they reconvene in the fall.

History Section In Final Session

The California History and Landmark Section of Arcadia Woman's Club met in final session May 24 at the home of Mrs. John Renshaw, 1038 Baldwin avenue. Seventeen members attended, and election of officers was held, with the following results: Mrs. John Renshaw, chairman; Mrs. John Vanderbur, co-chairman; Mrs. Bertha Nichols, secretary; Mrs. Fred Gamroth, treasurer, and Miss Grace McCurdy, program chairman.

Plans were initiated for the annual pot-luck picnic which is to be held at the old Baldwin Ranch at 12 noon June 27. The hostess for the day, assisted by Mrs. C. F. Gauther, served refreshments to the group. Club members unanimously felt that this final gathering completed a most instructive and enjoyable year of study of "Gems of California."

Present at last Wednesday's meeting were Mmes. B. E. Bubottom, E. E. Timerhoff, John Renshaw, Charles Gauther, Fred Gamroth, John Rogers, George Barngrover, Margaret Perry, J .E. Vanderbur, M. M. Frew, G. H. Thomas, C. G. Messenger, Bertha Nichols, Floyd Kingsley, Charles Crellin, Miss Grace McCurdy, Miss Florence Reynolds.

Times photos

ORNAMENTS FROM SEA—Shirley Gessler, wearing a necklace made of flower stones, displays a tray of polished beach stones produced by Sherman Seal, Redondo Beach service-station operator, shown working with his polishing machine. He collects stones from beach and, by careful cutting, fashions them into attractive costume jewelry pieces.

Tides Uncover Many Choice Beach Stones

REDONDO BEACH, May 22.—Unprecedented tidal action along this community's North Beach continues to yield a treasure trove of semiprecious beach stones. They are sought not only for their novelty but because they are easily fashioned into ornaments and jewelry by the average hobbyist.

Moonstones, jasper, agate, sardonyx and flower stones are among the most popular finds. With the minimum of equipment these can be cut and polished as collectors' specimens or mounted in simple settings as costume jewelry.

Until last winter only a few of the stones had been found here. Most notable to collectors is the reappearance in abundance of the popular flower and moonstones in a wide range of pastel shades.

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Death Takes McGroarty, Poet Laureate

'Times' Writer Passes at 81 Years With Friends at Bedside

And the pen was stilled . . .

John Steven McGroarty died at 8:30 o'clock last night at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Rallying from a coma that had gripped him for many hours, the 81-year-old Times writer and Poet Laureate of California was conscious when the Holy Communion for the Dying was administered in the afternoon, and retained consciousness until a few moments before he died.

Small Group at Bedside

At the bedside during the beloved writer's last hours was a small group of his closest relatives and friends. Among them were John McHale, a nephew who lived with the poet "in the green Verdugo Hills," two nieces, Mrs. Ann Brennan of Pennsylvania and Miss Margaret McHale, and a grandnephew, Jack McHale, who had just arrived home from his Army base in Oklahoma.

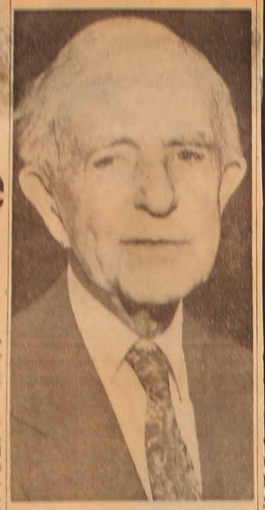
Suffering a series of complications, Mr. McGroarty entered the hospital July 16 and his condition had weakened ever since.

Renowned on Many Sides

Mr. McGroarty won his greatest fame as author of "The Mission Play," which was viewed by more than 2,500,000 persons in 3200 performances. But he also was California's official Poet Laureate, United States Representative in Congress, newspaper columnist for The Times and a celebrated raconteur and public speaker.

His column in The Times was "From the Green Verdugo Hills," he having lived for many years on a small California hacienda, Rancho Chupa Rosa, near Tujunga.

His wife preceded him in death May 13, 1940.



PASSES — Poet Laureate John Steven McGroarty died last night at 81 years of age.

Thousands of Friends

Mr. McGroarty had the kind of personality which made devoted friends of almost all the people he met, and they numbered into the many thousands. His fund of stories was inexhaustible. He particularly loved to tell jokes about Catholics, the faith of which he was himself a communicant.

His most famous work, "The Mission Play," was written in 1911 at the suggestion of the late Frank Miller of the Mission Inn at Riverside, McGroarty obtaining a leave from The Times and staying at the inn while he wrote the drama of Father Serra, the colonizer of California, and the rise and fall of the missions.

The play was first presented to a distinguished audience in San Gabriel, April 29, 1912.

Famous Actors

The old playhouse was so rickety that it used to tremble violently when trains passed by, and the noise of the locomotives on the near-by tracks was so great that the actors would have to hold their poses until they could finish the lines. The famous actors who took the part of Father Serra included Frederick Warde and R. D. MacLean.

Mr. McGroarty was named Poet Laureate of California by official action of the Legislature in 1933.

He was nearly 40 years old when he moved to California from Pennsylvania, yet he be-

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DEATH TAKES M'GROARTY, BELOVED 'TIMES' WRITER

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came one of California's chief historians.

Mr. McGroarty was born in Luzerne County, Pa., Aug. 20, 1862, the son of Hugh and Mary McGroarty. At 16 he was granted a State certificate and taught school for two years to enable him to complete his education at the Harry Hillman Academy in Wilkes-Barre. Later the Universities of Southern California and Santa Clara conferred degrees upon him.

Work on the Wilkes-Barre Evening Leader interested him in politics and at 21 he was elected justice of the peace, the youngest man to hold the office in the State. Three years later he failed of election to the State Legislature by a few votes.

Youngest Treasurer

At 28 he became Treasurer of Luzerne County, setting a new age record for that office in Pennsylvania, and married Ida Lubrecht. While serving as County Treasurer, McGroarty studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1894.

Marcus Daly, copper magnate, induced Mr. McGroarty to serve on his legal staff in Butte, Mont., in 1896. After Daly's death he went to Mexico on a mining venture and at the turn of the century arrived, with his wife, in Los Angeles.

The death of a German munitions manufacturer, Krupp, inspired McGroarty to write a poem which was published in The Times and led to a friendship with the publisher, the late Harrison Gray Otis, and a long connection with this newspaper.

Mission Crusader

Seeing old missions were being used to store grain and stable horses, McGroarty became a crusader for preservation and restoration of early California landmarks. His "Mission Play" contributed greatly to the furtherance of the movement.

He wrote three other plays, "La Golondrina," "Osceola," and "Babylon," and was author of "Poets and Poetry in Wyoming Valley," "Just California," "Wander Songs," "The King's Highway and California—Its History and Romance."

Elected to Congress

Mr. McGroarty was elected to Congress in 1931 and served two terms. A Democrat, he went in pledged to support New Deal policies, but left office a strong opponent. He balked at President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Supreme Court and government reorganization plans.

In the spring of 1938 Mr. McGroarty announced he was through with politics and would retire to his ranch at Tujunga, resuming his role as 'Sage of the Verdugo Hills.' But soon he was in the thick of it again, seeking the Democratic nomination for California Secretary of State. He was, however, defeated in the primaries.

Famous Visitors

Mr. McGroarty's home has become a place of pilgrimage and is not only continuously visited by Californians, but is almost invariably sought out by famous people who come to California.

Among Mr. McGroarty's distinctions were the honorary degrees Litt.D., and LL.D., conferred upon him respectively by the University of Southern California and the University of Santa Clara. He was decorated by Pope Pius XI with the Order of St. Gregory the Great, and by Alfonso XIII, late King of Spain, with the Order of Queen Isabella.

In writing of "The Mission Play," Dr. Henry Van Dyke, who, at the time of his recent death, stood out as the most eminent figure of American literari, writing in the Century Magazine some years ago said—"It remains for the Pennsylvanian and a Celt, a poet and a historian to tell the story of California as it should be told. This he has done in his 'Mission Play' — which stands as the greatest of all the world's pageant dramas."

Funeral arrangements, with White & Callanan Mortuary in charge, are expected to be completed sometime today.

Chiefs of Attackers and Defenders

MASTER MINDS—Seated, left to right: Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, deputy supreme commander; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander; Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of British land armies. Standing, left to right: Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of American ground forces; Adm. Sir Bertram Ramsay, naval commander-in-chief; Air Chief Marshal Trafford L. Leigh-Mallory, air commander-in-chief; and Maj. Gen. Walter B. Smith, chief of staff.

Times photo

NEW LIFE—Mr. and Mrs. Hans Berchten-Brether shown at the trunk of the historic old grapevine in San Gabriel, which the couple are scientifically feeding in an effort to restore it to its former size and strength.

Old Grapevine at San Gabriel to Be Restored

SAN GABRIEL, Sept. 28.—One of this city's best-known historical landmarks, the "Old Grapevine" at Ramona's Home, on the northwest corner of Santa Anita St. and Mission Drive, is being restored by present occupants of the home, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Berchten-Brether.

For several years the vine was not given proper care. Branches were cut indiscriminately, reducing its former spread of nearly an acre by half. The fruit suffered from neglect and is not plentiful as in the past.

Under the advice of experts, the vine is being fed lime and bone meal. This treatment, it is expected, will restore it to its former luxuriance.

Planted in 1861

A legend long persisted that the vine was brought originally from Spain and planted by Father Junipero Serra. Research, however, shows it was a wild grape transplanted from Wilson Canyon in 1850 to one of the early ranches. A family named Cervantes lived in the Ramona adobe at that time. Desiring shade, they transplanted the vine to its present location in 1861. The trunk, eight feet in circumference, rises 10 feet from the ground to a great trellis which supports its branches.

Mr. and Mrs. Berchten-Brether also are restoring the house, which obtained its name, Ramona's Home, from the fact that when Helen Hunt Jackson was in California collecting material she was entertained there. The outer walls are nearly three feet thick and the inner walls two feet.

Woman Born on Ranch Site of Pasadena Passes at 91

Senora Candelerin de Morena Gradwohl, who was born in 1852 on the ranch of her grandfather, Capt. Juan Jose Morena, which covered land now occupied by Pasadena, South Pasadena, and part of San Marino, died Sunday night in San Francisco, according to information received here yesterday.

Capt. Morena arrived in California from Spain in 1835 and settled on the huge ranch. It was taken over by his eldest son Fruto when Capt. Morena died in 1838. A few years later Fruto sold his interest to his two younger brothers Rafela and Filomeno. The property passed through the family until it was acquired by Jose Perez, with whom it is most commonly identified.

It was during that era that Senora Gradwohl was born. Her death at the age of 91 occurred at the home of a son.

READINGS FEATURE SECTION MEETING

The California History and Landmark section met Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the clubhouse for a Christmas party.

During the business session plans were made for decorating the club house for the January meeting, the special day of the section's year.

There was an interesting discussion of California gems, highlighted by a reading by Mrs. Janet Crane. Miss Grace McCurdy read a story of early day California, and an original poem by Mrs. E. E. Timerhoff.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ganther, Mrs. Rubottom and Miss Florence Reynolds.

Early Day Battle Site Marked at Montebello Fete

MONTEBELLO, June 8. The first State registration of one of Los Angeles County's historical landmarks took place today when a redwood plaque marking site of the Battle of San Gabriel, Jan. 8, 1847, was dedicated at the Capt. Robert S. Stockton Bridge, located at the northeast corner of Washington Blvd. and Bluff Road.

Because of the rain, the ceremony was held under cover, which protects an old cannon previously placed beside the bridge.

Marking of the site was sponsored by the Historical Landmarks Committee as part of a program arranged by Supervisor William A. Smith in an effort to have all historical locations designated. He was present but on account of his recent illness did not take an active part in today's ceremony.

History Given

A concert by the Montebello Senior High School Band, directed by Rose Eneboe Steele, opened the program and Mayor Milo V. Chapin of this city addressed the group. The main speaker was Owen C. Coy, director of the California State Historical Association.

He gave a brief history of the battle between American forces, commanded by Capt. Stockton and Brig. Gen. Stephen W. Kearny, and the Californians, led by Gen. Jose Flores. Coy was assisted by Mrs. George Wilfert, chairman of historical landmarks of the Montebello Woman's Club.

Alfred Jones, County Engineer and chairman of the County Historical Landmarks Committee, said that the plaque installed temporarily would be replaced after the war by a permanent marker.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NEAR THIS SITE, ON JAN. 8, 1847, WAS FOUGHT THE
BATTLE OF THE RIO SAN GABRIEL
BETWEEN
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CAPT. ROBERT F. STOCKTON, U.S. NAVY
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AND
CALIFORNIANS COMMANDED BY
GENERAL JOSE MARIA FLORES
STRUCTURE ERECTED BY CITY OF MONTEBELLO
PLAQUE PLACED BY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Times photo

HISTORICAL PLAQUE DEDICATED — Mayor Milo V. Chapin of Montebello addresses throng attending yesterday's dedication of historical site marker (see inset) at Stockton bridge. At left is Supervisor William A. Smith and right, Owen C. Coy, director of California State Historical Association, who described battle history of site.